

# Saint John Neumann Catholic Church

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*The welcoming community of St. John Neumann encourages and enables parishioners to use their gifts in service to others as Jesus has taught us.*

## PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor: Rev. Thomas J. Meehan, OSA  
Permanent Deacon: Rev. Mr. John Parrish  
Director of Faith Formation: Connie Milligan  
Faith Formation Secretary: Sondra Skibbe  
Faith Formation Program Assistant: Benita Bryson  
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704.545.0242  
Director of Music and Liturgy: R. Lance Burnette  
Open Arms Preschool Director: Nancy Chiarelli  
Business Manager: Earl Bell  
Scheduling Coordinator: Benita Bryson  
Parish Secretary: Mary Beall  
Pastoral Council Chairperson: Eric Wagner  
Finance Council Chairperson: Joe Fiato  
Bereavement Ministry Director: Cindy Satink

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon.-Fri. 9am—Noon, 1pm—4pm

## FAITH FORMATION OFFICE HOURS:

Mon.-Thurs. 9am—3pm

## PHONE NUMBERS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Parish Office: 704.536.6520  
Fax: 704.536.3147  
Faith Formation Office: 704.535.4197  
E-mail Address: sjncc@bellsouth.net  
Web site: www.4sjnc.org

## BULLETIN DEADLINE

Friday 4 p.m. of previous week.

All bulletin items must be approved by the Pastor.

## MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil: Saturday 5:30pm  
Sunday 7:30am, 10am, 12 Noon, 6pm

## HOLY DAYS

Vigil: 7pm; Holy Day: 9:15am, 7pm

## DAILY MASSES

Mon.-Fri. 9:15am (Rosary following)

## CONFESSIONS

Sat. 4pm-5pm and by appointment (Call Parish Office)

## BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

10am - 6pm

## CO-OP BABYSITTING AVAILABLE

Sunday during 10am Mass  
(for ages infant to 2 years of age)

**BAPTISMS:** Parents and expectant parents who wish to have their children baptized in the Catholic faith must attend a Baptismal Preparation Class. This class is held at SJN on a monthly basis. Please call the Parish Office to register for the class and schedule the Baptism.

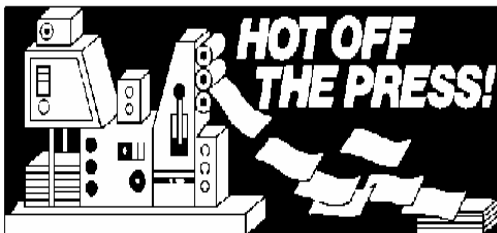
**WEDDINGS:** Couples planning to be married should call the Parish Office and schedule an appointment with a priest at least six months prior to your planned wedding date.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** Please pick up a registration form in the Gathering Area or stop by the Parish Office to register.

**HOSPITALIZED & HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS:** It is very important that you contact the Parish Office to receive Anointing of the Sick or Communion. Otherwise, we might not know of your need.

## Special Program Coming: Children on the Internet

If you are a parent, grandparent, teacher, mentor, caretaker or other interested adult, mark your calendar for a special presentation at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 31, in the St. John Neumann Parish Hall.



We have all heard about the exploitation of our youth through electronic media. This is a program of information addressing the risks of the Internet, particularly to children.

Several expert speakers will show how children are approached; how to work with your children and set guidelines; and some real, practical information to protect our young users, through settings on your computer.

Everyone who has children or works with children needs to be informed of the dangers, even if the children are very young (they grow up so fast!). Invite your friends and neighbors. All adults are welcome. For information, call Chris, (704) 566-8818.

### A Thank-You Letter to Our SJN Volunteers

*As you might know, the St. John Neumann Rosary Makers make and send rosaries to missions throughout the world. We receive many letters from those who receive them and would like to share one with you today:*

Loving prayerful greetings from the North East Indian Missions of Assam.

Thank you very much for sending me a parcel of rosaries. I was ordained a priest on the 19th of December. I have been appointed Assistant Parish Priest of this parish with 7,000 Catholics. The gifts you send go a long way in bringing joy and cheer among the people during my pastoral visits to the far flung villages and sub-centers.

Please do continue supporting our missionary ventures in whichever way is convenient for you. Above all, do keep us in your daily prayers. Be assured of our prayers for you, all your loved ones, and especially a remembrance during my celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

May God Bless you Always.

With lots of love and prayers,  
Father Mackley Gomes

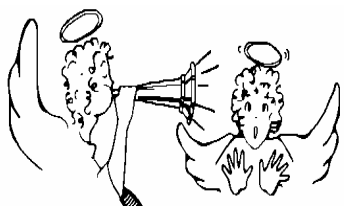
### Play Golf, Have Fun, Help Others

**JEFF NOTO:** A charity tournament to benefit Jeff Noto, an active SJN parishioner who needs a kidney transplant, is at 10 a.m. Monday, at Olde Sycamore Golf Course, on N.C. 218 in Mint Hill.

The entry fee is \$85 per golfer or \$320 for a four-member team. To register a golfer or team, or to make a donation, contact Ed McGrath, (704) 622-4815, or Jenny Noto, (704) 507-8251.

### First Communion Corrections ...

Last week's bulletin left out some names — and misspelled a few others — of children who received First Communion at St. John Neumann Parish on Saturday, May 13.



Our apologies for the error — and our congratulations to the First Communicants.

**Miguel Bollo; David Gonzalez; Ivan Gonzalez; and Paola Gonzalez.**

**Kaylie Hackett (her first name was listed wrong last week); and Hermella Teclé (her last name was listed wrong last week).**

**REAGAN POTTER:** A tournament to help pay the medical costs of infant Reagan Potter, who had heart surgery in December, is Saturday at Olde Sycamore Golf Course.

If you want to play or have something that could be raffled off, contact Rikki Travis: reagensheart@yahoo.com, or at (704) 891-9074.

## Holy Masses This Week



<b>MONDAY</b>	Noon	<i>Mothers Day Novena</i>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	9:15 AM	+ <i>Michael Fitzgerald</i> ( <i>John Speck</i> )
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	9:15 AM	<i>Ximena Echeverry's</i> <i>birthday intentions</i> ( <i>Maria, Johanna Alandette</i> )
<b>THURSDAY</b>	9:15 AM	+ <i>Joe Layden</i> ( <i>Charles Layden &amp; family</i> )
<b>FRIDAY</b>	9:15 AM	+ <i>Larry Blackwell</i> ( <i>The Novaks</i> )
<b>SATURDAY</b>	5:30 PM	+ <i>Jim Matys</i> ( <i>Lynda Matys</i> )
<b>SUNDAY</b>	7:30 AM	+ <i>Virginia Bowen</i> ( <i>Earl Gialanella</i> )
	10:00 AM	+ <i>Pauline Goldner-Adams</i> ( <i>The Garbrick family</i> )
	Noon	+ <i>Clete Mulheirn</i> ( <i>Edna Chilcott</i> )
	6:00 PM	<i>People of the Parish</i>



**IN OUR PRAYERS** — Joan Battista, Bill Beck, Bob Betters, Marge Bolger, Thomas Carney, Steve Cipallio, Bill Cooper, Lori Demmery, Robert Dexter, Robert Dopman, John Flaherty, Giana Gallagher, Virginia Giannotti, Gerry Grant, Gina Judd, Bette Keller, Jeanne Kerr, Joanne Klein, Heather Blizard Leal.

Alexander Molnar, Josh Nickerson, Teri O'Hara, Dianna Potter, Reagan Potter, Richard Prior, Kathy Rice, Lenore Rickey, Chantal Saxon, Gerry Scanlon, Ann Solnick, Samantha Speer, Craig Stoll, James Wiberly.

### This Week's Readings

**Monday:** Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26-16:4a.  
**Tuesday:** Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11.  
**Wednesday:** Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Jn 16:12-15.  
**Thursday:** Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:27-23 or Eph 4:1-13; Mk 16:15-20.  
**Friday:** Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23.  
**Saturday:** Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28.  
**Sunday:** Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Ps 103; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19.

## A Peek at the Week!!



### Today (May 21)

8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. — K of C Blood Drive (PH)  
 1:30 p.m. — Baptisms (Chu)  
 5-6 p.m. — Youth Choir rehearsal (Chu)  
 7-9 p.m. — Commission Head meeting (CR)

### Monday (May 22)

9 a.m.-1 p.m. — Open Arms Preschool  
 10 a.m.-noon — Bible Study (CR)  
 6:30-9:30 p.m. — Girl Scouts District meeting (AH)  
 7-8:30 p.m. — Parish Council interviews (Lib)

### Tuesday (May 23)

7-9 p.m. — Sunday choir rehearsal (Chu)  
 7:30-9:30 p.m. — Prayer Group (Lib)

### Wednesday (May 24)

9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. — Open Arms Preschool  
 6:45-8:15 p.m. — Girl Scout Troop 1850 mtg. (CI 10)  
 7-9 p.m. — Quilters group (AH)

### Thursday (May 25)

8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. — Open Arms Preschool teacher  
 workday  
 10-11 a.m. — Exercise class (PH)  
 7-8:30 p.m. — ESL classes (PH)

### Friday (May 26)

9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. — Open Arms Preschool  
 6:30-8:30 p.m. — Girl Scout Troop 1112 and 1850  
 meetings (AH)  
 7-11 p.m. — Bingo (PH)

### Saturday (May 27)

6:30-8 p.m. — RCIA Mystagogy (Lib)

### Next Sunday (May 28)

7:30 a.m.-noon — Biscuit sale (PH)  
 5-6 p.m. — Youth Choir rehearsal (Chu)

### EVENT SITE ABBREVIATIONS

**AH** — Austin Hall (house next to the church)  
**Chu** — Church  
**CI** — Classroom                      **CR** — Council Room  
**GA** — Gathering Area              **Lib** — Library  
**MH** — Mini-Hall (in Classroom wing)  
**PH** — Parish Hall

### PLANNING A BAPTISM?

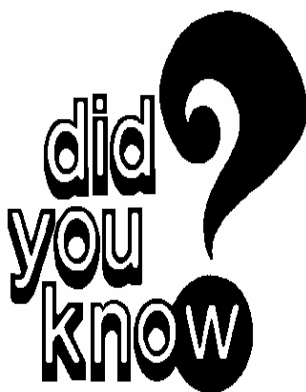
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Please call the Parish Office, (704) 536-6520, to register for the class and schedule the Baptism.



### **Registration for Ages 3 & 4 Co-Op Program**

Volunteer coordinators are in place for the 3-Year-Old Co-Op and 4-Year-Old Co-Op, for the upcoming school year. The classes are held during the 10 a.m. Mass, and parents take turns teaching the group.



To register, complete a registration form, include a \$30 check (payable to St. John Neumann Church, to help with the cost of classroom materials), and return both to the Religious Education Office.

Forms are available in the Gathering Area and at the Religious Education Office. If you have questions, call the Religious Education Office, at (704) 535-4197.

Or for questions about the 4-year-old program, call Ann Henderson, (704) 573-4767. And if you have questions about the 3-year-old program, call Mary Chickoree, (704) 821-3684.

*Please note that the registration form for the Co-Op program is different from the primary Religious Education form.*

Registration forms also can be downloaded from the SJN Web site, [www.4sjnc.org](http://www.4sjnc.org).

### **Youth Group Registration Now Under Way**

It is time to register for Youth Group (grades 9-12). SJN has one of the most active Youth Groups in the diocese, so don't miss the opportunity to make a difference in your life and the life of your church.

There is a *different* form for Youth Group registration for the upcoming school year. It is not part of the primary Religious Education registration form.

Forms are available in the Gathering Area, in the Religious Education office, and at the parish Web site, [www.4sjnc.org](http://www.4sjnc.org).

The fee is \$25 per teen. Call (704) 535-4197 for details.

### **Vacation Bible School Needs Your Help!**

Help us feed our Island adventurers this summer, as they search for the treasure of God's Love!

In the entrance hallway leading to the Gathering Area is a display, with slips of paper listing one food item. Please take a slip of paper, purchase the item listed, and return it to the donation boat by June 6.

If you cannot purchase an item, you can help us by saving and donating the following items in June:

- \*\*\*Plastic mesh bags from oranges, onions, etc.
- \*\*\*Paper towel tubes
- \*\*\*Large coffee cans with the lids.

Please drop off these items at the donation boat in the entrance hall.

If you have any of the following items and can lend them to us for the week of June 19-23, please contact Donna, (704) 563-0628, or Maria, (704) 455-6648:

Footlockers/trunks; surfboard; beach umbrella; fish net; grass skirts; beach balls; stuffed parrot/dolphin/fish/octopus, etc.; sand pails and shovels; snorkeling gear; bamboo poles and tiki lights (we will not light them!), Mardis Gras beads, play coin money, and lei necklaces.

*With your help, we will have the best VBS ever!*



### **News and Notes ...**

**NURSERY DURING NOON MASS** — There is now a nursery for young children (ages 2 and younger) during the 12 noon Mass. The nursery will be in the Parish Nursery. Ana Real has generously volunteered her time to provide this service.

**SJN WELCOMES ALL OF GOD'S CHILDREN** — St. John Neumann Religious Education welcomes all children and teens into our programs.

Sue Rebich, a Special Needs professional and catechist, works with parents and children to incorporate persons with disabilities into Faith Formation programs best-suited to individual needs.

Please call Sue, at (704) 545-0242, or the Religious Ed office, (704) 535-4197, to inquire about how to register your child.

### It's Time Again for SJN Blood Drive

It is time again for the Knights of Columbus/St. John Neumann Council 7343's blood drive.

It will be held in the Parish Hall at SJN today (Sunday). If you haven't donated for 56 days prior to today (that is, since March 26), please roll up your sleeves and join us for a great cause. We will be accepting donors from about 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

### Respect Life Corner ...

**SPIRITUAL ADOPTION, MONTH 7** — Thank you for praying for me. I am 7 months old now. I am growing every day. I'm between 14 and 17 inches long and weigh about 4 1/2 pounds. I move around a lot, but it's getting crowded in here! Sometimes I even get the hiccups!

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.*

— prayer of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

**TRUE LOVE WAITS** — Since 1944, more than 24 million teens between ages 15-19 have pledged to remain sexually abstinent until marriage. When adolescents report that they've made a pledge to save sex until marriage, they are more likely to delay sexual activity. "I'm Worth Waiting For!"

### It's That Time of Year Again ...

All groups using the St. John Neumann parish facilities need to submit a request for space for the 2006/2007 calendar year. Those requests must be turned in by June 30, 2006.

The "Application for Use of Facilities" forms are available in the Parish Office, at the Welcome Desk in the Gathering Area, and on the SJN Web site. Please return all completed forms to the Parish Office. Call Benita Bryson, (704) 535-4197, with any questions.

**The Combined Mission Collection** will be taken at all Masses this weekend. Your contribution to the good work of these organizations will give you an opportunity to participate in the missionary activity of the Church on both a local and world level. This Combined Mission Collection contributes toward the Collection for the Propagation of the Faith, the Church in Latin America, the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, Catholic Home Missions, and the United States Mission Collection. Please be generous to these programs.

*There was no envelope included in your parish envelope packet. Please make a separate check payable to SJN referencing Combined Mission Collection.*

### SJN WEEKLY COLLECTION

	Actual	Budget
May 13-14 .....	\$ 12,385	\$ 14,658

# Parish News

**RENT OUR HOUSE** — Two doors from SJN; 1,685 square feet; split-level on over an acre of land. Lower level includes Family Room with fireplace, Bedroom and full bath. Main floor includes Living Room and Kitchen with lots of cabinets. Second floor includes three more Bedrooms and another full bath. Security system, too. \$850 a month plus utilities. Call (704) 536-6520 to set up an appointment.

**THERE IS NO 9:15 A.M. MASS** on Monday. It is the Augustinian feast day of St. Rita of Cascia, so Mass will be said instead at 12 noon.

**HOSPITALITY MINISTERS** are needed as greeters. A team member will be available to talk at 5 p.m. next Saturday (before the 5:30 p.m. Mass).

**RCIA NEWS** — The newly baptized from our RCIA group will be at the 6 p.m. Mass today. They also will be at the 12 noon Mass next Sunday. Please do not hesitate to introduce yourself and welcome them to our community.

**ST. JOHN NEUMANN'S RAIN TEAM** has been helping individuals with HIV/AIDS for many years. "Won't you join us"? The CareTeam at SJN needs a few more members to keep this ministry going. If you would like to know more about what is involved, contact Debbie Kidd at the Regional AIDS Information Network (RAIN), (704) 372-7246, ext. 111, or at d.kidd@carolinarain.org.

**DO YOU HAVE** special health, financial, emotional or spiritual concerns? Why not come and pray with the Prayer Group on Tuesday nights, from 7:30-9 p.m. in the Library?

**PARA NUESTROS FELIGRESES ESPAÑOLES:** El grupo de oración se reúne todos los martes a las 7:30 p.m. en la biblioteca de la Iglesia. Todos son bienvenidos. Queremos orar en todos los idiomas.

**THE EVANGELIZATION COMMISSION'S** next monthly Peace and Justice Rosary will be at 7:15 p.m. Wednesday, May 31, in the Chapel. Everyone is welcome.

**EN ESPAÑOL:** El Santo Rosario se reza el último miércoles de cada mes a las 7:15 p.m. en la Capilla. Los esperamos!

**DINNER GROUPS?** Would you like to meet new people from SJN, in a small-group setting (four couples per group). Groups will meet monthly on a rotating basis at one another's homes for dinner.

Responsibility for cooking is shared by all. Adult singles also are welcome and encouraged to join. Details: Kristi, (704) 442-1201.

# Diocesan News ...

**FOSTERING JUSTICE WORLDWIDE** — Come and learn about global solidarity, and how you can support the work of Catholic Relief Services. This program is set for 1:30-5 p.m. Saturday, June 24, at St. Matthew Catholic Church, 8015 Ballantyne Commons Parkway. It includes a number of presentations, including “Every Bean Counts,” with Ethan Fogleman and Dave Jernigan of Larry’s Beans, a Fair Trade coffee distributor in Raleigh; and “Nuts and Bolts of Advocacy,” with the Rev. George Reed, Executive Director of the N.C. Council of Churches. There is no registration fee, and all are welcome. The event is sponsored by the diocese’s Office of Justice and Peace.

**A VOLLEYBALL CAMP** is scheduled for July 17-21 at Charlotte Catholic High School for girls who will be in 5th through 9th grades next year. Camp directors are Tim Leary, the coach at Catholic High, and Bettie Berry, coach at Myers Park High. For details, call Bettie Berry, (704) 521-8721.

**KAMP GABE 4 KIDS** is a summer day camp for children (ages 3 1/2 to rising sixth-graders), offered from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. during the summer. The camp provides science, drama, arts and crafts, games and sports activities. For details, call (704) 846-6558.

**ST. ANN’S CAMPS** — St. Ann’s FUNdamental camps will offer two weeks of basketball camp this summer. Sessions are July 10-14 and July 31-Aug. 4. There are two sessions each of those weeks — from 9 a.m. to noon for rising K-5th graders, and from 1-4 p.m. for rising 6th-8th graders. The cost is \$100, which includes a T-shirt, certificate and daily snack. Directors are Kym and R.C. Deer. For details or to register, call (704) 665-7807 or check [www.fundamentalcamps.com](http://www.fundamentalcamps.com).

**THE LAY MINISTRY PROGRAM**, a ministry formation program for all of those interested in knowing more about their faith and putting it into practice, will have classes for the 2004-2005 year in several cities, including Charlotte. This program is ideal for those involved in parish ministry, interested in the Permanent Diaconate, or wanting to grow in their faith. If you are interested in the program, contact Frank Villaronga, (704) 370-3274, or at [fvillaronga@charlottediocese.org](mailto:fvillaronga@charlottediocese.org).

**CATHOLIC EASTERN CARIBBEAN CRUISE** — Fr. Michael Kottar will lead a Carnival Victory cruise to the eastern Caribbean from Jan. 21-28. Prices start at \$1,300 per couple, which includes port fees and taxes. Family rates are available. Daily Mass offered. The deadline for the first deposit is Wednesday. Details: Phil or Terri DeLuca, (704) 888-6050.